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SUBJECT: SOVIET SALE OF HEAVY WATER TO INDIA

REF; NEW DELHI 17736

1. WE ARE PROVIDING BY SEPTTEL GUIDANCE APPROVED FOR USE
IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON OBERDORFER ARTICLE. NO
QUESTIONS WERE ASKED IN DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 8.

2. IF ASKED, YOU CAN DENY TO GOI OFFICIALS THAT US HAS
MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO SOVIETS TO DENY HEAVY WATER TO
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INDIA.

3. FYI. DURING RECENT LONDON MEETING WE ASKED SOVIETS ABOUT THEIR INTENTIONS AND ABOUT SAFEGUARDS THEY WOULD ATTACH TO SUCH SUPPLY; SOVIETS REPLIED ONLY THAT IF THEY PROVIDED HEAVY WATER THEY WOULD FULLY COMPLY WITH LONDON GUIDELINES. WE HAVE NOT SEEN DRAFT IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WHICH WE UNDERSTAND AGENCY IS NEGOTIATING WITH GOI. QUESTION OF FULL FUEL CYCLE SAFEGUARDS AS COMMON CONDITION OF SUPPLY TO NNWS (NOT RPT NOT ANY NPT COUNTRY) HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION WITHIN NUCLEAR SUPPLIER GROUP FOR OVER A YEAR; PROPOSAL HAS BEEN STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY CANADA, UK, AND USSR, AND OPPOSED BY FRANCE. US POSITION HAS BEEN THAT

WE FULLY SUPPORT COMMON SUPPLIER POLICY OF THIS KIND IF ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS. SOVIETS HAVE ALSO INDICATED SIMILAR POSITION WITH REGARD TO NUCLEAR SUPPLY TO INDIA AND OTHER NON-NPT PARTIES. ISSUE REMAINS UNRESOLVED AND ON SUPPLIER AGENDA; IT IS NEITHER A NEW NOR A PECULIARLY SOVIET INITIATIVE. END FYI.
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